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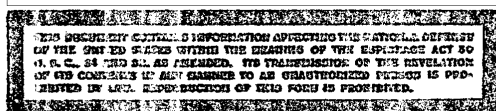
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1. Bulgarian military units stationed along the Yugoslav border are armed almost exclusively with Soviet weapons. Great numbers of Soviet instructors and advisors are attached to each Bulgarian unit. Some units actually contain more Soviet instructors than Bulgarian officers.
2. Approximately 300 Bulgarian troops and one battery of field artillery are stationed in the villages of Gmizov (sic) and Brskov (sic), near Vidin.\*
3. Trenches, about one meter deep, are being dug around the outskirts of the city of Kula and the villages of Replyana, Rumindol and Dve Krusi, Bulgaria.
4. Approximately 3,500 Bulgarian troops are stationed in Vidin, Bulgaria. It is rumored that a tank unit from Vratsa is to be assigned soon to the Vidin force.
5. About 150 truck drivers were mobilized in Sofia in late February and early March. The drivers were then assigned the task of transporting military supplies from Sofia to the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border by truck, in columns of 50 to 60 trucks. These supplies are transported only at night.
6. Twenty Soviet bombers of the Petlyakov type were seen at the airfield located 15 kilometers from Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
7. Bunkers are being built near the military barracks in the village of Golemenovo, Bulgaria. They are about five meters square, with a stone and cement base, and each one has about eight apertures for rifles or machine guns. The bunkers are covered with logs and planks over which a heavy layer of soil has been placed. Similar bunkers are also being built by the army near the city of Kula. Entrenchments and fortifications of the same type are being built along the entire length of the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border.

\*   Comment: The village of Gmizov may be Gemzovo; Brskov may be Tsar Borisovo, about five kilometers north of Vidin, or possibly Bregovo, about five kilometers south of the Danube on the Yugoslav frontier.

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